"TEMPLARY IS THE NEW TESTAMENT OF MASONRY"

THE TEMPLAR

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Right Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:

Many years ago it was my privilege to attend a children's party conducted by Pilgrim Commandery #9. My Grand Warder was Master of Ceremonies on that occasion and he saw to it that his three boys had a wonderful time! We knew several Sir Knights of Pilgrim before that day, but never before that time had we been brought into quite such close contact with the Templar uniform. I must admit that the gold belts perhaps attracted me more than some of the others - but I believe that on that day my desire to become a Mason was conceived, and that even then I had hopes of some day wearing one of those gold belts. At my first opportunity I joined the Order of DeMolay, and then successively, the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, as well as the Scottish Rite bodies, Consistory and Shrine. In due time, my ambition to wear the gold was realized, but today, Sir Knights, you have honored me beyond my greatest hopes in electing me your Grand Commander, and I thank you all for the confidence reposed in me and hope I can live up to your expectations. I realize that I could not have become Commander of my own Commandery in Lowell without the help and support of all its members, particularly the Guard, of whom several have been here all day acting as escort, and Sir Knights of Pilgrim Commandery. If you will all rise, I will thank you personally for your work and attendance today and through the years, and for starting me towards this exalted station of Grand Commander.... Thank you, one and all. Also, I could not have progressed through the line of this Grand Commandery without the friendship and support of the Line Officers and the Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, and I certainly cannot successfully represent you as your Grand Commander without that continued support and cooperation. I want also to thank Rt. Em. George B. Sampson, who gave me this opportunity by appointing me to the line and who, because of business pressure, is missing his first annual conclave since being Grand Commander. I only wish that my brother, Em.Sir John M. Fairbanks, who has served me for several years as Warder, could be here today to become Grand Warder, but he has moved to New York State in a new business venture, and although the brother act cannot continue, the family act can, because I have as my Grand Warder the one who took care of me at the children's party many years ago, and who acted as my first Deputy Grand Warder - my father, Em. Sir H. Hutchins Parker. I hope we can emulate our predecessors as head of this Grand Commandery, and I know that you will all agree with me when I tell our retiring Grand Commander that the promise he made at the conclusion of his address last year that we would say to him "well done, good and faithful servant" has been fulfilled. May God give me the strength and knowledge to be as good a Grand Commander as Herbert Hinds has been.

Sir Knights, I fully appreciate this great honor, and hope I can justify your faith in me.

CHARLES F. FAIRBANKS, 2nd
Grand Commander

The first page of THE TEMPLAR for the year 1951-1952 has been donated by Em. Sir Arthur E. Erickson, Junior Past Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T. Our Grand Commander, Sir Knight Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd, and Grand Commandery Officers are most appreciative of this gift from Eminent Sir Erickson.

We are in receipt of the following letter from Calvary Commandery No. 13, which gives a detailed outline of the many events held by this Commandery during the year 1950-51. We feel that each Commander will enjoy reading this letter and that he may obtain suggestions from it for his Commandery year. Em. Sir Arthur E. Erickson, Junior Past Commander of the Calvary Commandery No. 13, deserves much credit for a very fine Templar year.

"October 28, 1951

I suppose that I should be satisfied with the two compliments paid Calvary Commandery on the Attainment Rating List for last year. I am appreciative for those morsels, but in behalf of so many of my Sir Knights who really put their shoulders to the wheel last year and took Calvary places, I would like to register a strong protest to Calvary's standing in relation to our local sister commandery.

We started the year with a Public Installation attended by 250.

We invited Gethsemane down in October to work Red Cross in dramatic form. St. John's had DeMolay down in November for Malta. Each event drew about the same number on the sidelines (250). For this activity-even score.

We held a Family Christmas Party at which 300 were present. The entertainment made it possible for us to help financially a church choral group and a Boy Scout Troop.

We donated, through the Protestant Chaplain, a wheel chair for the State Infirmary. We purchased a share in the Shrine's Ladder of Smiles. We contributed $100. to St. John's Anniversary Fund. We contributed $75. for a table in the lounge of the new Doric Temple. We finished the year with $700. in the black.

Our Commandery had a net gain in membership - the first in Calvary in 21 years.

We straightened out our delinquent dues situation, collecting $400. more in dues than in the preceding year.

We assisted DeMolay Chapters in conferring the Chavalier Degree on 2 occasions.

We sponsored escorts for street appearances for Blue Lodge Church services, three times.

We mailed out promotional material in cooperation with the United Laymen's Go To Church Drive. We advertised and supported the Lenten programs of two of our downtown Churches.

We redesigned our monthly notices as requested by the Grand Commander and made it a vehicle of provoking thought.

We put on Inspection and Review for one of our Blue Lodges - underwriting both their entertainment and collation.

We published and distributed in behalf of Templary, 1,500 R.I. York Rite Calendars listing the meeting dates of each of the York Rite Bodies in Rhode Island.

We gave our Guard a Party.

We had a Family Outing.

We contributed to the attractiveness of THE TEMPLAR by underwriting the new heading sheets.

We held a joint Christmas Observance with St. John's.

We sponsored jointly a Templar Ladies' Night.

I am addressing this memorandum to you in the hope that you might bring it to the attention of someone who would be interested in correcting a marking system which is so obviously not responsive to the facts. I do not seek any change in our mark - the damage has already been done. I hope next year some Commandery that is really on the ball may not be hurt in the same way.

As always, with my kindest personal regards,"

Editor's note: For your information, the Attainment Rating is not compiled in this office. We send a copy of the Inspection Report, copy from the Official Returns as submitted by your Recorders, and such Social events as may appear on your monthly notices.

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The Bible tells us that "all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and nine years and he died." No record of service or of helping others - just length of life. Here, in years, was an old, old man, but evidently a mere infant in service!

Excerpt from the Notice of Bristol Commandery

"I ask the same cooperation and assistance for my successor, Sir Knight Alfred Herschel, Commander-elect, and his officers.

This past year of service to Templary as your Grand Commander has been one of the happiest of my life, and I am deeply thankful for the honor and privilege accorded me. Also, the splendid support and excellent work given to me so cheerfully by the officers and Past Commanders is a remembrance that I will always cherish.

And now I will leave you with a thought: As one of Christian Faith and as an American, I truly believe Templary to be the outstanding Masonic organization and the key and testament to our way of life, that of faith in God, freedom, truth, justice, mercy, charity and human kindness. Dark clouds are hanging over the world today, and it is needless to say that they may become a threat to our way of life and to everything we hold dear. Our answer must be in the intensity of conviction of those Templar virtues, and must be kept alive in the hearts of men by their constant practice. As Knight Templars, therefore, we must rededicate our ideals of Christianity with zeal and intensity to keep forever illuminated the twelve burning tapers on the triangle which glow with all the symbolism and faith and service of Templary.

Courteously yours,
Rudolph Priebsch
Commander."

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Recently these words were prominently displayed in the bulletin board of the First Baptist Church -- "It isn't how long you live, but HOW you live that counts!"

Every Templar has dedicated his life to the service of the Master; he has vowed to help others, so far as lies within his power. To be of assistance to those less fortunate is a vital part of Christian Knighthood.

As a Knight Templar you have an unusual opportunity - be true to your vows of Knighthood - help your neighbor - do a kindly deed for some unfortunate - support worthwhile Youth Movements, especially the Order of DeMolay - attend a church of your choice - support its activities - be a part of civic welfare endeavors - be a "regular" in your Commandery - invite others to share with you the benefits of Christian Knighthood.

Remember - itsn't how long you live but how you live! Make YOUR LIFE count! Do something for someone else!

There's Nothing that Satisfies As Much As Helping Others

Some years ago in Detroit a testimonial dinner was given in honor of a famous baseball player. Present were celebrities in the world of sport, finance, politics and the various professions.

A well-known preacher spent a quarter of an hour with the renowned athlete (one of the greatest ball players who ever put on a uniform) while the guests were gathering.

The minister complimented the star for the place he had made for himself in the affections and admiration of millions of people, but the athlete dismissed the preacher's praise as scarcely deserved, with the following remarks:

"I have had a good time, for I enjoy the game, and I have been well paid. But I wish I had been a doctor and had won distinction in that field. Then I could look back to years that had been spent in helping people, healing their hurts."

Sir Knights, the measure of life is not its duration, but its donation!

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Vacation time is over, the tinge of Fall is apparent everywhere, glorious days and cool nights add a snap and zest to life that give the urge to be busy again and to go places. To make the Fall and Winter work attractive, the Councils of our various Commanderies have arranged enough activity to satisfy anyone hungry again for brotherly contact and fellowship.

Be regular in attendance at the meetings of your Commanderies. Give strength, support and encouragement to your Eminent Commander and his Officers. YOU will benefit most from these activities!

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Following are the inspection dates for November and December, 1951:

Commandery	No.	Location	Date
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston	Fri., Nov. 16
Bay State	38	Brockton	Mon., Nov. 19
De Molay	7	Boston	Wed., Nov. 28
Springfield	6	Springfield	Mon., Dec. 3
Olivet	36	Lynn	Wed., Dec. 5
Sutton	16	New Bedford	Thurs., Dec. 6
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner	Thurs., Dec. 6
Northampton	30	Northampton	Fri., Dec. 14
St. Omer	21	Dorchester	Mon., Dec. 17

INSPECTIONS

6:00 P.M.	Full Form Opening
6:30 P.M.	Recess for Dinner
7:45 P.M.	From the Lines
	Official Count
	Inspection and Review
	Work, beginning Fifth Libation thru Knighting and Flags.
9:15 P.M.	Closing

The Division Commander will mark each Commandery.

For further information, consult E. Sir Clyde L.Carter, Inspector-Instructor

The 45th Triennial Conclave

Many Sir Knights have often wished they might attend a Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.of A.

An unusual opportunity is now available for you to be at the "45th Triennial" to be held the latter part of September of 1952 in the Queen City of the Deep South--New Orleans. This is an ideal vacation for every Knight Templar.

A Committee from our Grand Commandery has arranged an itinerary extending from September 18th to 28th, inclusive.

A tentative program of activities at the Triennial includes excursions of the Mississippi River aboard the palatial steamer "President," the Grand Carnival Ball which is one of the famous New Orleans Carnival balls staged by a traditional and experienced Krewe, a gala performance at the Municipal Auditorium by the famed New Orleans Passion Play Ass'n, presenting the eternal story "The Nazarene;" also a gala performance of the Grand Opera production of Guiseppe Verdi's "La Traviata," together with many other attractive features. Read further issues of The Templar for more information.

In the meantime, reserve Sept.18-28 of '52 for your vacation and contact your Recorder, or our Grand Commandery Committee.

"One of the greatest things we all need on our journey through this world is FRIENDSHIP. We came into the world alone and pass out of it alone, but none of us can live this life alone.

In happiness and sorrow, the heart of a friend is a common need. When our burden is great, friends are towers of strength and will share it with us. Sorrow brings out friends, as night brings out stars.

There are no friends truer thanthose who have shared our fears and know our griefs. When our life is pleasant, abundant and easy, they will add to its fullness and increase our happiness.

It is wise ti know many people and with expanding vision, we should ever strive to widen the circles in which we move. In that broadening circle, we may choose a closer circle of friends.

In Templary, there is the understanding that right is right, and there will always be the steadying force of friendship."

Ray Holtz, P.G.C.

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A HAPPY FACE
ENRICHES THE WORLD!

NAME OF COMMANDERY	Sept.	Oct.	Total
St. Johns	7	0	7
BOSTON	8	16	24
Newburyport	1	2	3
Washington	0	0	0
Worcester County	3	2	5
Springfield	1	7	8
DE MOLAY	17	10	27
Holy Sepulchre	3	1	4
Pilgrim	0	0	0
Palestine	0	2	2
Milford	0	0	0
St. Bernard	0	0	0
Calvary	3	2	5
Haverhill	1	0	1
Old Colony	0	3	3
Sutton	0	2	2
Bethany	0	0	0
Winslow Lewis	0	0	0
Jerusalem	2	1	3
Hugh de Payens	0	13	13
St. Omer	4	8	12
Berkshire	0	0	0
Conn. Valley	1	0	1
Woonsocket	0	0	0
Godfrey de Bouillon	0	4	4
Joseph Warren	0	0	0
Narragansett	0	1	1
Bristol	0	8	8
Northampton	0	1	1
South Shore	0	1	1
Trinity	0	0	0
Natick	1	2	3
Coeur de Lion	3	6	9
GETHSEMANE	24	17	41
Olivet	3	0	3
Athol	1	0	1
Bay State	0	1	1
Cyprus	2	0	2
St. Paul	0	0	0
Beauseant	1	4	5
Cambridge	0	0	0
Bethlehem	0	0	0
Orange	0	0	0
Ivanhoe	0	0	0
Quincy	3	0	3
Temple	0	0	0
St. Andrew	8	0	8
Reading	0	3	3
T. Smith Webb	0	0	0
Sir Galahad	0	1	1
Winthrop	0	0	0
Total	97	118	215

ACCUMULATIVE

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
Sept.	97	63	52	53	48
Oct.	215.	125	144	128	128
Nov.		185	185	186	202
Dec.		264	270	276	264
Jan.		345	391	377	328
Feb.		469	562	477	435
Mar.		557	813	550	491
Apr.		665	906	672	565
May		731	969	727	676
June		804	1040	773	705

LEADERS

GETHSEMANE	41
DE MOLAY	27
BOSTON	24

NEW MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

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